Industry has received from the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA), pre-Budget memoranda for inclusion in the Budget 2007-08 which *inter-alia* includes proposals for (i) Tax holiday for investments exceedings Rs. 500 crores on the lines of infrastructure project; (ii) 100% tax deductions on export profits; (iii) one stop clearance for FDI proposals in the auto sector, etc.

Modification of fiscal policy is the prerogative of the Parliament and is taken up as a part of budgetary exercise. Such suggestions are examined by the Ministry of Finance at the time of formulation of Budget for all the sectors including the automotive sector.

**Setting up of Auto testing track**

†2210. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state by when the sanctioned auto-testing track facility is likely to be set up in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): The Proving Ground Facilities at Pithampura of Dhar District of Madhya Pradesh is scheduled to be completed by December, 2010.

**Public undertakings in NER**

2211. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of public/private undertaking set up in the North-Eastern Region specially in the State of Sikkim during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) the details of annual production and manufacturings capacity of these undertakings; and

(d) the details of investment planned in the NER during the next three years, State-wise?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The information on Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) is available in Public Enterprises Survey (PE Survey), which is a public document and placed in the Parliament every year. The latest information pertains to the year 2004-05. As per available information, as on 31.3.2005 there were 10 CPSEs in terms of their location, annual productions etc. for last three years is given in the Statement *(See* below). There is no CPSEs which is having its registered office in the State of Sikkim. However, 6 operating CPSEs were having a Gross Block of assets amounting to Rs. 1990.52 crore in the State of Sikkim as on 31.3.2005.

(d) Investments planned in different Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) are dependent on prevailing business environment. Such proposals are either mooted by the CPSEs themselves or the concerned Administrative Ministries of the CPSEs.

***Statement***

*Details of CPSEs in NER*

| Sl. No | Name of CPSE | Location in terms of Registered Office | Product | Unit | Productions# (Capacity Utilization in %) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | 2004-2005 | 2003-2004 | 2002-2003 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1. | Donyi Polo Ashok Hotel Ltd. | Arunachal Pradesh | Company operates Hotel Doni Polo Ashok at Itanagar | | NA | NA | NA |
| 2. | Assam Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd. | Assam | Company operates Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok at Guwahati. | | (40) | (50) | (51) |
| | Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd | Assam | Crude Through Put | MMT | 218<br>(93) | 2.00<br>(85) | 1.46<br>(62) |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer | Assam | UREA | Metric Tonnes | 203060 (75.21) | 240590 (89.11) | 186500 (59.21) |
| 5. | North Eastern Regional Agri Marketing Corpn. Ltd,* | Assam | Pine Apple Juice | Metrie Tonnes | 35.32 | 89.70 | 49.34 |
| 6 | Numaligarh Refinary Ltd. | Assam | Crude Through Put | MMT | 2.04 (68) | 2.20 (73) | 1.89 (6260) |
| 7 | Oil India Ltd. | Assam | Crude oil | MMT | 3.20 (94) | 3.00 (88) | 2.95 (86) |
| 8 | North Eastern Handicrafts & Handloom Dev. Corpn. Ltd. | Meghalaya | Company operates sales emporium (Trading activity) | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 9 | North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd | Meghalaya | Electricity | Mega Watt | 5195.46 (93) | 4148.20 (78.03) | 2993.25 (57.09) |
| 10 | Nagaland Pulp & paper Company Ltd*$ | Nagaland | Paper | — | NA | NA | NA |

# Source: Statement No. 23 volume I and respective write ups in volume-ll of PE Survey 2004-05

* BIFR referred CPSEs.

NA- Not Available/Not Applicable. MMT-Million Metric Tonnes

$ There is no production in the company since 1992

- In addition Hindustan Paper Corporation though having its registered office in Kolkata, West Bengal, has manufacturing units in Assam namely Nagaon Paper Mills and Cachar Paper Mills.

**Closure of loss making petrol pumps**

†2212. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector oil companies have started opening flagship, Jubilee and model petro! pumps in the entire country due to competition from private sector;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.